for approvapl of annual action plans, setting up of internal audit cells, streamlining the process of credit disbursement and insurance and efforts to instal telex and computer facilities at district level.

Employment Requirements in Drought Hit Area of Gujarat

1856. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the assessment in terms of employment requirements worked out by the Central teams visiting drought affected States to assess requirements of drought relief are extremely low;

(b) what was the assessment of the requirements of additional funds for employment generation in Gujarat during April—June 1987 by the Central Team and what was the actual expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to bear the actual expenditure on employment on relief works; and

(d) whether the Government of Gujarat has represented its case to the Union Government and whether the same has been considered and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir,

(b) A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 20.43 crores for employment generation had been approved during April-June, 1987; in addition 2 lakh MTs of wheat valued at Rs. 39 crores had also been allocated. And expenditure of Rs. 80.35 crores on employment generation has been reported by the State Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, sir.

The request of the Government of Gujarat for additional assistance was not accepted as ceilings of expenditure already determined for the State are not reopened under the extent Government of India policy.

Development of Tourism in Andhra Pradesh

1857. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3473 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) when the Andhra Pradesh Government had submitted some tourists encouraging schemes to the Central Government and what are the reasons for the delay in sanctioning financial assistance to these schemes; and

(b) whether Government propose to grant financial assistance to these schemes expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The schemes were submitted to the Central Ministry of Tourism by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time during the last two years. Although some of the schemes have been approved in principle by the Ministry, financial sanction could not be accorded because of current ban on new schemes.

Foodgrains Stock Position

1858. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the short-fall in the foodgrains stock position both with regard to procurement and public distribution system of foodgrains;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet this shortage of foodgrains stock; and

(c) what concrete steps are proposed to be taken to maintain the public distribution system in the country with adequate supply of foodgrains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) As on 1-1-1988, the stock of foodgrains with the public agencies was 14.14 milion tonnes as against 23.63 million tonnes on 1-1-87. The procurement of foodgrains in 1987 was 15.7 million tonnes as against 19.7 million tonnes in 1986. Distribution of foodgrains under public distribution system in 1987 was 14.9 million tonnes aginst 13.2 million tonnes in 1986.

(b) and (c) There is regularly replenishment of stocks through procurement operations in the country, for which the procuring agencies have been advised to maximise procurement. The available stocks are being utilised judiciously to meet the reasonable requirements of public distribution system. Further, the Government is also keeping open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Targets for Building Houses for Weaker Sections in Major Cities

1859. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of houses to be built for the weakers sections in Delhi, Bombay Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore during the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

(b) to what extent this target has been fulfilled during the first three years of the Seventh Plan;

(c) what is the shortfall, if any, in fulfilling this target; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Housing being a State subject; all social housing schemes are formulated and implemented by the States/UTs as per their requirements and plan priorities.

The targets in respect of EWS Housing Scheme are fixed State-wise/Ut-wise and not city-wise. The Union Govt. only monitors the housing schemes including the scheme of Housing for the Economically Weaker Sections which forms part of Point No. 14 of the 20-Point Programme-1986. For the Union Territory of Delhi no specific targets were fixed for the scheme during the Seventh Plan period. However, during the first 3 years of the Seventh Plan (upto 29-2-1988), 10184 units were constructed in Delhi under EWS and Janta Housing Schemes etc.

Decline in the Number of Certain Scheduled Tribes

1860. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is decline in the number of certain scheduled tribes due to biological factors in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a time bound programme has been announced recently by Government to take corrective steps to halt the dwindling tribal population in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when Government propose to check this decline and what steps are likely to be taken in the proposed time bound programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) There is no